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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DECONCINI, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “U.S.-Mexico Border
5 Water Pollution Control Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS IN U.S.-MEXICO**
2 **BORDER AREA.**

3 Title V of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
4 (33 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new section:

6 “WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS IN U.S.-MEXICO
7 BORDER AREA

8 “SEC. 520. (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this sec-
9 tion is to protect the economy, public health, environment,
10 surface water, ground water, and water quality of the
11 U.S.-Mexico border area which is endangered and is being
12 polluted by raw or partially treated sewage, in furtherance
13 of the goals of the Agreement Between the Government
14 of the United States of America and the Government of
15 the United Mexican States Concerning the Establishment
16 of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a
17 North American Development Bank (signed November 16
18 and 18, 1993), and this Act. This section shall not be con-
19 strued so as to affect or impair the provisions of any inter-
20 national agreement of the United States. Nor shall this
21 section be construed so as to affect or impair any Federal
22 legislation applicable to the Border Environment Coopera-
23 tion Commission, the North American Development Bank,
24 or the International Boundary and Water Commission, the
25 United States and Mexico.

1 “(b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WASTEWATER
2 TREATMENT WORKS.—The Administrator is authorized
3 to provide financial and other assistance to the Border En-
4 vironment Cooperation Commission, any appropriate Fed-
5 eral, State, or local governmental entity, and the Inter-
6 national Boundary and Water Commission, the United
7 States and Mexico, subject to such terms and conditions
8 as the Administrator considers appropriate, for planning,
9 design, and construction of wastewater treatment works
10 for the purposes specified in subsection (a). The
11 wastewater treatment works shall be located, regardless
12 of the place of origin or ultimate destination of the
13 wastewater, in the U.S.-Mexico border area (or near the
14 U.S.-Mexico border area if the treatment works would
15 remedy a transboundary environmental or health problem)
16 and shall be planned, designed, and constructed in accord-
17 ance with any applicable international agreement to which
18 the United States is a party.

19 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, \$47,500,000 for fiscal
22 year 1995, \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1996
23 through 2000, and \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF U.S.-MEXICO BORDER AREA.**

2 Section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
3 Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following new paragraph:

5 “(21) The term ‘U.S.-Mexico border area’ has the
6 meaning the term has under Article 4 of the Agreement
7 Between the United States of America and the United
8 Mexican States on Cooperation for the Protection and Im-
9 provement of the Environment in the Border Area (signed
10 on August 14, 1983; commonly known as the ‘La Paz
11 Agreement’).”.

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